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TOPIC 1. Volkspolizei Sonderkommando in Brandenburg  
2. Volkspolizei Bereitschaften (Bgr) in Hohenstuecken

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1. Between 3 and 6 August 1950 it was learned that a VP Sonderkommando, commanded by VP Kommissar Wilhelm Ritsche, was guarding the Excelsior and Opel Plants, Brandenburg (N 53/Z 23), which were said to be armament plants. A cordon of VP s ntries was around the plants and guard details of 2 officers and 17 police and of 2 officers and 27 police were stationed at the Opel Plant and the Excelsior Plant respectively.
2. The VP Sonderkommando was subject to orders of a Soviet special detachment with which Colonel Nikolayev (fnu), commanding officer, and Captain Mishkov (fnu), commander of the guard, were identified. The detachment furnished guards for the two plants and escorting personnel for shipments of artillery pieces and mortars leaving the plants.
3. Between 3 and 6 August 1950 it was learned that two 1,250-man VP Bereit-schaften engaged in special engineer training were stationed in Hohen-stuecken.

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\* [Redacted] Comment. The 9th VP Bereitschaft (sig.) and the 10th VP Bereit-schaft (Bgr) were repeatedly confirmed in the settlement of Hohen-stuecken near Brandenburg. [Redacted]

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